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Dear Editor:

Hate crimes directed at the gay/lesbian communities are a fact of life. Gil Spencer's column of March 19 correctly concluded that there is **no** reason for that group, or any other group, not to be protected against hate crimes. That is, there is no excuse for a hate crime, no matter who the target.

However, Mr. Spencer missed one important point: Kevin Tebedo's obsession with other people's sexuality has had one **very** unfortunate side effect. The Hate Crimes Bill was also intended to protect the disabled and elderly against crimes motivated by hate. However, Tebedo, given his obsession with the gay/lesbian community, proved to be quite willing to do everything in his power to kill a bill which was greatly needed by the disabled and elderly communities. For instance, who remembers James Lundvall?

In spite of the fact that Tebedo portrays himself as a religious person, his attitude of being both unaware and unconcerned about the needs of the disabled and elderly populations says otherwise. It appears that "spiritually impoverished" is a more appropriate term for Tebedo's attitude.

Sincerely,

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Doug -
Wanted to touch base with you on the Hate Crimes Bill. We in the disability community are not particularly happy about what Tebedo & crew did to the bill. In N.M. (see attached), they didn't have much trouble passing a similar law. Would love to see you give the boot to Tebedo in Freedom Watch regarding this.

Regards
Ed Arnold